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Student to oppose Brundige in Martin mayoral race

Will York
Managing Editor

Two weeks after UTM student Brent Smoyer announced his intention to oppose incumbent Martin Mayor Randy Brundige in the upcoming Nov. 7 election, the senior biology major-turned-politician is beginning to devise his campaign strategy.

Smoyer, 23, said current city government lacks fiscal responsibility, and he plans on making Martin's financial standing a major tenet of his campaign.

"We're losing industry, businesses are leaving," Smoyer said. "That's your tax base. When you don't

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downscale your expenditures in relation to your income, that's not fiscally responsible."

Smoyer, a 21-year Martin resident, said while Martin's finances are unsteady, he does not advocate raising taxes. Rather, Smoyer said the city should curb its spending in wasteful programs to reign in spending.

Economic development will also be a major component of Smoyer's campaign. He pointed to fewer area businesses and increasing unemployment as a cause of significant concern.

"Martin's strongest asset



Mayoral hopeful – and student – Brent Smoyer hopes to change the way Martin does business.

is the people who live here," Smoyer said. "People are out of work, but they still have skills, even if the

jobs are lost. We need to get back to the entrepreneurial system. Our human resource is our strongest

resource."

He hopes to draw industry to the area, but in the interim, he supports empowering small businesses.

"We have to give small businesses a support system, to keep them here and operating," Smoyer said.

Additionally, Smoyer plans on establishing a citizens' advisory board, which would be a nongovernmental committee comprised of neighborhood community leaders, to offer suggestions to city government officials.

Further utilization of parks and increased community involvement are

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SPECIAL REPORT

Who killed the SI?



Or, was it your government?

This year, students needing extra help in introductory-level classes may have to look a little harder, after the State of Tennessee pulled funding for UTM's Supplemental Instruction program.

Will York
Managing Editor

Supplemental Instruction (SI) relied on students who previously earned A's or B's in entry-level courses in math, English, foreign languages, political science, history and science to tutor students enrolled in those classes. Supplemental instructors attended the classes, took notes and led outside study sessions.

But now, UTM is trying to cover a \$100,000 shortfall left by a state grant.

George Daniel, director of the Student Success Center, said this year's cut is only a one-time loss.

"In fact, we're filling out the application [for next year] right now," Daniel said. "We're submitting it to the state next week."

Daniel said the Student Success Center was able to preserve 20 SI sections, down from the usual 62, by diverting money from a five-year, \$1.8-million federal Title

III grant intended for supporting freshmen.

This year's 20 SI sections will cost about \$25,000, all from the Title III grant. Normally, the federal grant funds \$15,000 of supplemental instruction, but with the state grant cut, the Student Success Center was forced to chip in an additional \$10,000 to preserve SI sessions in math and science, traditionally the most-failed courses for freshmen.

"We're very sold on the idea of supplemental instruction," Daniel said. "We're certainly disappointed with the cut. We believe in the effectiveness of SI to help students be successful in the classroom."

He said last year almost 25 percent of students enrolled in courses with supplemental instruction used the free resource. The course failure rate for students participating in SI was 9 percent, half that of students who did not use SI.

The 1,779 SI study sessions last year will

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Former dean leading Student Affairs after search indecision

Jay Baker
Asst. News Editor

Jerald Ogg, formerly Dean of the College of Humanities and Fine Arts, was appointed to the temporary position of Interim Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs this summer after an inconclusive search for someone to fill the position permanently.

"I'm certainly not looking to move [permanently] from my dean's position. The dean is the best job on campus," Ogg said.

He was appointed to the position after the search in the spring ended without a permanent appointment.

"But I understand the Chancellor's dilemma and I agreed. Too much Air Force in me, I guess I had to do it," Ogg added.

Before he joined the UTM faculty, Ogg served as a judge advocate ("JAG") in the U.S. Air Force for four years. During that time, he practiced law, specializing in media law and public relations for non-profit organizations, in Baton Rouge, La. He holds a Ph.D. in journalism from Southern Illinois University and a law degree (J.D.) from The University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Since joining the UTM faculty in 1987, Ogg has taught communications law, ethics, public speaking, advertising and public relations, which he still teaches. During his time at UTM, Ogg has served in many various positions: Chair of the Department of Communications, Academic Coordinator for the Freshman Experience, and the UTM Faculty Senate president. He has also been key to the Governor's School for the Humanities.

Ogg said that leaving his position as dean was hard, but stressed that he had confidence in David Coffee and Lynn Alexander, the Interim Deans of the College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

"One thing that made it easier [taking the VCSA position] was knowing that the college was in good hands," Ogg said. "They miss me a lot less than I miss them."

As for his plans for the position, Ogg said that while his year as Interim VCSA was not really long enough to accomplish much, he plans to "do a good enough so I could come back."

An issue that he said has been on the "back-burner" for a while, building new housing for the sororities, is one he is hoping to tackle during his time in the position. He also said that after going through the First Year Initiative (formerly, The Freshman Experience), there are some things

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Bryson's Big Tennessee bus tour rolls through downtown

Jon-Michael St. Amant
Staff Writer

Straight out of the gate from his GOP gubernatorial primary victory, State Sen. Jim Bryson rolled into Martin last Thursday on his Big Tennessee Tour.

Bryson visited the Weakley County Republican Party headquarters to speak to the people of the area about his future goals for election as governor. Weakley County is one of 95 counties that Bryson has visited during his tour. The primary goal of this, according to an announcement by Bryson, is to rally the vote in oppo-

sition to current Gov. Phil Bredesen.

"Our job is to turn our primary victory into the first step on a road that leads straight to new leadership in the governor's office," said Bryson in a release. "We are going to gather up all the Tennesseans who know this state can do better, from Memphis to Mountain City. With your help, we will have a state with a government as good as its people."

Bryson spoke to a local crowd about his platform and issues dealing with the campaign. To the atten-

tive ears of an impassioned crowd, Bryson spoke on social issues dealing with the state and their relation to his goals for a better Tennessee.

"I voted twice for a bill that defined marriage as between one man and one woman," said Bryson. "It is our responsibility to pass the values that we hold dear to the next generation."

Bryson was very clear in his message about how he intended to gather voters. He also said that he did not expect voters go vote solely on party lines.

"It is exciting for me to go

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JASON JACKSON / The Pacer
Tennessee Republican gubernatorial candidate Jim Bryson stopped by the Weakley County Republican headquarters on his 95-county bus tour Aug. 31.

Viewpoints

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Our View

Editorial: Programs shouldn't be cut to the detriment of students

The State of Tennessee has slashed UTM's Supplemental Instruction program by two thirds.

The SI program is a program where upper division students tutor students that are taking lower division classes that may seem hard for students just leaving high school.

We understand that cuts had to be made somewhere in this year's budget, but the state needs to realize that we are an university first and foremost and our main focus should be academics.

We're not saying that anything that doesn't involve academics should be cut, but that there should be a healthy balance to the cuts instead of drastically reducing one program.

When UT President John Peterson visited UTM, he explained his plan on raising UT's graduation rate

among other things.

However, the SI program has been slashed, a program that has helped many students pass a class that they would have normally failed. How many students would have flunked out of college if it weren't for the SI program?

The UT System and the State of Tennessee talk about taking two steps forward for academics, but instead takes three steps backwards.

Of all the things that could be cut from our budget, the powers that hold the checkbook think that the SI program is the least important?

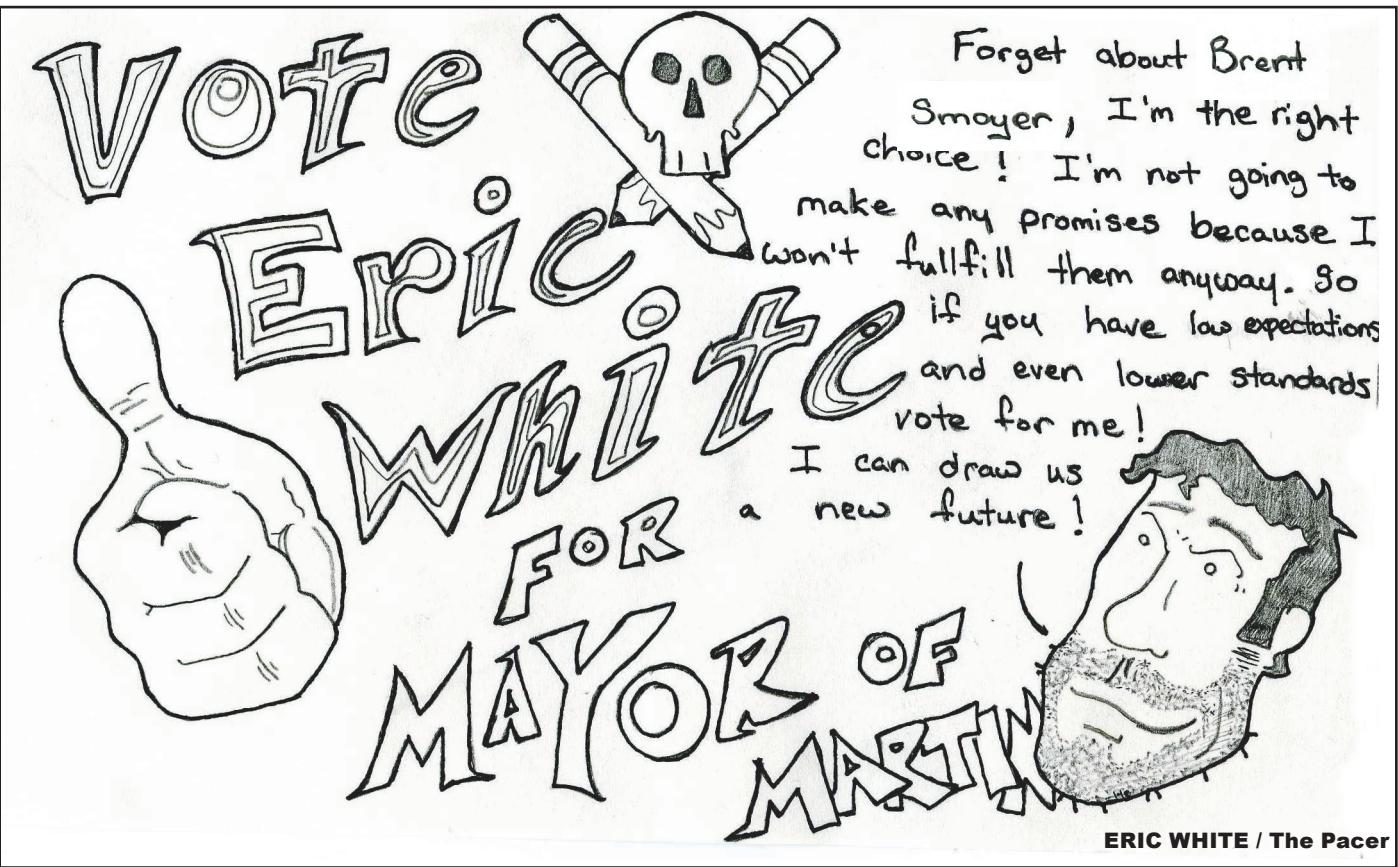
We hold out hope that the SI program will return next year to help students once again.

THE PROBLEM:

The SI program has been slashed at UTM

THE SOLUTION:

Make budget cuts more fair and balanced



Letters to the Editor

Student complains of loud neighbors and campus

It's nearly 6:30 a.m. and I am jarred from my sleep by the pounding taking place for the deconstruction of McCord hall.

It takes all I have to keep myself from opening the backdoor of my University Village apartment and shouting a few carefully selected words to the workers.

Unable to reach REM sleep again, I find myself

lying awake awaiting my alarm to sound so that I may start my day.

I finally complete my day of classes where I have acquired homework assignments and am ready to study.

However, something hinders my ability to concentrate. Could it be the extremely loud music and shouting outside of my apartment?

No. Absolutely not. It's nearly 10 p.m. There's no way the university would

allow such loud music this late. I'm wrong.

How ridiculous is it that a college student can't get any sleep? Okay, wait. I retract that question.

The average college student doesn't get enough sleep, this is a well-known fact, but one would have to agree that this lack of sleep would be the student's choice.

Either staying out and partying all night, or procrastinating, students have to pull all-nighters in order

to get the grade. How often is it that students lose sleep because of situations outside their control?

Others are deciding when we get to sleep on this campus. We MUST be awake by 6:30 a.m. and we MUST stay awake until 11p.m. How ridiculous. I'll be sure not to set my alarm clock.

Alicia Booher
Communications
Jackson

Making a difference, one day at a time

So, the new semester is off to a great start – you've got the classes that you want, the teachers are easy and don't seem to be prone to large amounts of homework, your roommate doesn't snore and sleeps when you do and things are rosy!

You're in college with the intention of making a difference when you finally graduate and head into the "real world." What if I were to tell you that you can make a difference now and all you have to do is change the way you eat one day a week?

Last week, in the semester's premier issue of *The Pacer*, there was a letter printed by a rather vocal vegetarian. I thought that the point was clear and one that needed to be explored a bit more.

Let's put this in a way that I know everyone will understand – dollars and cents. Let's say for the sake of argument that you spend

\$3 every day at McDonald's or another restaurant on a hamburger, chicken sandwich, ribs or such.

Excluding weekends, this comes down to roughly \$15 a week, and \$60 a month, \$720 a year for one person.

Now, let's say that for some odd reason, you decide to cut out that sandwich – and all meat for one day a week. Still excluding weekends, that's \$3 not spent on meat, right?

I know what you are telling yourselves - \$3 isn't that much. We do the same math, starting with \$3 a day. That equals \$12 a month, \$144 a year.

Now, imagine if one million people did that same thing. That would amount to over 144 million dollars every year NOT spent on

meat.

Do you know how many heads of lettuce, stalks of corn, rows of beans and other foods could be planted and harvested for underdeveloped nations with \$144,000,000?

Now, before the hate-mail starts pouring in, let me say that I still trek down to Burger King for my three-patty Stacker Combo so I can't say that vegetarianism is the way for me, either.

What I can say is that I have sworn off meat two days out of the week, which usually leads into three and four days a week easily enough.

Why did I do this? The answer is simple – the math doesn't lie and I truly believe the statistic I read on a Vegetarian web-site that said that if people in all industrialized countries were to cut their meat consumption by 10%, we could end world hunger.

Do I think that by not eating meat twice, three times,

four times a week that I will end world hunger? No. As Blaise Pascel said, "We must learn our limits. We are all something, but none of us are everything."

Because college is a place for new experiences and new concepts about the world we find ourselves in. I offer this little tidbit as a concept many have never been exposed to and not too many embrace. It is yours to take as you will.

I truly do believe that education of a thing changes perception of that thing and so, I seek only to educate.

We may not all have the ability to impart major change upon the world in which we live in but we can all, as I paraphrase Pascel, do something to change our own lives for the better – and isn't that what it's all about?

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and gather up supporters. People who are embarrassed by scandal, people embarrassed by Bredesen and want values restored."

Bryson also discussed his Tennessee universities and his future plans for higher education. Specifically he mentions his involvement in Senate Bill 3914 of the Budget Bill.

"I voted on a bill [as senator] which added \$20 million to keep tuition costs down," said Bryson. "UT Martin is a good example of a university that serves a lot of students, and we need to keep tuition costs down so that students have access to places like this."

In contrast, spokeswoman Amber McDowell paints a slightly more focused picture for current governor Phil Bredesen.

"Because of the current budget circumstances, the governor has been working to balance the books, which is why tuition has increased lately. Now that the books are in better shape, we can find new ways to make college more affordable," said McDowell.

Furthermore, McDowell commented on the goals of

Bredesen concerning higher education. "The governor has expressed interest in making Tennessee higher education of the highest quality. We want high quality professors and to be competitive with our neighbors in higher education."

Bryson also made mention of a current crisis affecting many Tennesseans, which is the current status of our state's health care programs. On the agenda for discussion was the Cover Tennessee bill, proposed by current governor Phil Bredesen.

Bryson had sponsored a similar bill titled Access Tennessee, but opposed the Cover Tennessee in its current form.

"The Cover Tennessee bill combines 4 similar bills into 1," said Bryson. "Three-fourths of the bill is good. We need to provide health care to people who don't get it. However, the insurance companies don't believe in [Cover Tennessee], and it will end up the same as TennCare. This, to me, is a receipt for disaster."

However, Bredesen's

people disagree. According to his spokeswoman the health care issue is one to be scrutinized responsibly and very carefully.

"We are trying very hard to get [health care] coverage for hard working people, but Cover Tennessee is as far from TennCare as you can get. It's like comparing apples to oranges."

At any rate, it seems as if both parties are fighting to ensure that Tennesseans have their health care needs met.

The event concluded with a lunch provided for by the Weakly County Republican party. Also, many local UTM students attended this event in support of Bryson.

"I think Bryson has a tremendous record in the state senate and a wonderful vision for the state as well as leadership qualities to see that vision through," said Jacob Shorter, education major here at UTM. "I think [Bryson's] values are consistent with the values of a majority of Tennessean's."

Weakly County was one of the last stops on Bryson's Big Tennessee Tour. He

concludes the tour in Knox County today.

In the future, Bryson hopes to go toe to toe with Bredesen in possible debates.

"I hope to be able to debate. It is good for people to know who their candidates are and they have the right to know," said Bryson. "I have a real respect for the people of Tennessee to think and to chose wisely not based on party lines."

Bryson still has a great deal of campaigning to do. His future plans were discussed by Lance Frizzell, spokesman for the Bryson-for-governor campaign.

"He will be continuing campaign across Tennessee to further his message. He will also be preparing for debates and getting his message to the people of this state."

The gubernatorial election is set for November 7. Bryson will have to match his political experience, including five years as state senator, against incumbent Bredesen's three years as Tennessee governor and past experience as mayor of Nashville.

UTM named a 'Best Southeastern College'

Darci Meyer
Staff Writer

UTM was named a "Best Southeastern College" by *The Princeton Review* for 2007.

"University of Tennessee at Martin is one of 146 schools . . . receiving our 'Best in the Southeast' designation," said Robert Franek, *The Princeton Review*'s publisher and editorial director. "We believe these schools uphold the standards of our 'Best Southeastern College' distinction and provide students with a wide breadth of excellent schools to consider."

To be considered by *The Princeton Review* for "Best Southeastern College," UTM had to meet the requirements of academic excellence within its region and have its students anonymously surveyed.

UTM's students were surveyed during the 2004-05 academic year, which corresponds to *The Princeton Review*'s general policy of a survey every three years due to previous surveys indicating that student opinion does not change significantly from one year to the next.

Surveyed students answered more than 80 basic questions, mostly multiple-response, that were divided into sections such as "About Yourself," "Students" and "Life at Your School."

Students were also given eight open-ended questions to make comments regarding the stu-

dent body, academics and campus life at UTM. This section, named "Students Say" by *The Princeton Review*, allowed students to express their praises and criticisms anonymously without the limitation of pre-written responses.

The multiple-response and "Students Say" answers will aid in the recruitment of future students and in creating a better environment for current students. UTM faculty and staff use these comments as a measure of the university's effectiveness in meeting student's expectations of academics, campus life, housing and other needs of students.

"I am pleased that *The Princeton Review* has chosen to recognize UT Martin in its new ranking," said UTM Chancellor Dr. Nick Dunagan. "Our students do the best job of telling the university's story, and these comments accurately reflect the experiences that many of them have at UT Martin."

In addition to UTM, other schools who were named a "Best Southeastern College" were East Tennessee State University, Freed-Hardeman University, Tennessee Technological University and the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

For anonymous, unbiased and uncensored comments by students or to see how UTM rated, visit *The Princeton Review*'s website at www.princetonreview.com.

iTunesU introduced as a new learning tool

Julie Hood
Staff Writer

and interviews 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

iTunesU would give students the ability to take lectures and other content that professors provide and listen to them on their own time. Professors would be able to access more information and other resources such as videos and audio content easily and students would be able to download this material quickly to their iPod.

Podcasting, as this method is called, has grown exceedingly over the past few years. Educational materials may not only be

downloaded to a student's iPod but also to a laptop or desktop computer. Students also have the ability to burn the material onto CDs for future references.

Apple would provide this service free of charge to UTM so that students would not have to expect a hike in any of their fees. Since iTunesU is a free service, it would not effect any of the other technology projects on campus that need funding. At Stanford University, where iTunesU has been used by faculty members since 2005, iTunesU is particularly popular

in larger classes, where lecture notes on Powerpoint slides are the most common way to reinforce learning.

"Faculty have free resources available to them on campus that would allow them to create the audio and video content for iTunesU," said Steve Holt, Assistant Director of Information Technology Services and UTM Webmaster. "UT Martin has always been on the edge of cutting technology, so we had no hesitation in accepting participation in the iTunesU Initiative," said Holt.

Balanced Man Scholarship awards tomorrow's leaders

Staff Reports

Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity hosted the 12th annual Balanced Man Scholarship Presentation on Aug. 28, awarding \$2,500 in scholarships to incoming freshmen.

Winners of these awards exhibited exceptional traits exemplary of scholars, leaders, athletes and gentlemen, based on their submitted résumés and per-

sonal interviews, as well as recommendations by public figures of the UTM campus based on merit.

Three awards were presented to freshmen males. The fraternity awarded the Balanced Man Scholarship, a \$2,000 scholarship, to Lucas Wilmore of Franklin.

Additionally, a \$250 Excellence in Leadership Scholarship was awarded to Matthew Perry and an additional \$250 Excellence

in Athletics Scholarship was awarded to Markie Guy.

"I really want to thank SigEp for setting a good example for guys like me to follow," Wilmore said.

Parents, in addition to UTM faculty and staff, attended the event, held in Watkins Auditorium. Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Jerald Ogg and Greek Life Coordinator Louis Ragsdale also

attended, underscoring SigEp's prominent leadership role on campus and in the larger Greek community.

"Any way to balance life more effectively is a worthy endeavor," said Ogg. "It is hard for people to understand how important balance is at this age, and any program that promotes germinating balance is worthwhile."

The Balanced Man Schol-

arship is offered to all entering freshmen males enrolled at UTM.

"This scholarship is one of many ways that the Greeks on this campus give back to the community in an effort to foster and promote higher ideals in others as well as themselves," Ragsdale said.

The Balanced Man Scholarship is a public service outcrop of Sigma Phi Epsilon's Balanced Man De-

velopment Program, which sets the fraternity off as "different" from other national fraternal organizations.

The program, which took the place of the traditional pledging fraternity model, stresses responsibility in academics and athletics and offers unique leadership training opportunities to its members.

Campus Bulletin Board

The Pacer provides this space free of charge to campus clubs and organizations that wish to promote events or offerings. Items to appear in *The Pacer*'s "Campus Bulletin Board" section must be submitted at least a week ahead of the event, either by e-mail to pacer_news@utm.edu or by dropping off a flier and press release to 314 Gooch Hall. Preference is given to event date closest to printing and by order received. Please note that submission does not necessarily guarantee printing. Call (731) 881-7780 for more information.

Math Lab

If you need help in mathematics, the UTM Math Lab is offering free tutoring Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Humanities B 103 A (Basement), and from 4-9 p.m. in Humanities 408-406. There is no tutoring on Fridays.

English Lab

The English Writing Center will be offering free tutoring Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Humanities 209 and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Humanities 209.

Reading Lab

The UTM Reading Lab will offer free tutoring to those who wish to improve their reading skills on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. in Gooch 226 and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. in Gooch 226.

Intramural Soccer

UTM Campus Recreation will be offering Intramural Soccer this semester. A captain's meeting and free agent's meeting will be held Sept. 6 at 5 p.m., and official's training will meet Sept. 4-5 at 5 p.m. The cost for participation in this event is \$55 and will be located in the Elam Center. Play begins Sept. 10. For more information, call 881-7745.

SABER Meeting

The new Sexual Assault Behavior Education Response program will host their first meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 5 in UC 229 to help promote and prevent sexual assault at UTM.

Gamma Beta Phi Meeting

Gamma Beta Phi will be holding their first meeting of the new semester at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 5 in the UC.

UTM Broadcasting Guild Meeting

UTM Broadcasting Guild will hold a meeting at 12:15 p.m. on Sept. 5 in Gooch 214. Anyone interested in the world of television and radio should come meet the officers, members and find out info about the club.

SGA Senate Meeting

The SGA Senate will hold their first meeting of the new semester at 9 p.m. on Sept. 7 in UC 111.

College Democrats Meeting

The UTM College Democrats will be having a meeting at 5 p.m. on Sept. 7 in UC 229.

SAC Movie

SAC will be showing the comedy "Last Holiday" at 9 p.m. on Sept. 8 in Watkins Auditorium. Come enjoy this great film.

Marching Band Invitational

The 2006 Marching Band Invitational will be held on the

afternoon and evening of Sept. 9 at Graham Stadium. Everyone is invited to come see these talented musicians.

Intramural Kickball

UTM Campus Recreation will be offering Intramural Kickball this semester. A player's meeting and sign-up deadline will be held Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. The cost for participation in this event is \$20 and will be located in the Elam Center.

Meeting will be in Fieldhouse Room 2059. Play begins Sept. 12. For more information, call 881-7745.

President's Roundtable Meeting

The President's Roundtable will be meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 12 in UC 111.

Intramural Tennis Tourney

UTM Campus Recreation will be offering Intramural Tennis Tourney this semester. A

player's meeting and sign-up deadline will be held Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. The cost for participation in this event is \$10 and will be located in the Elam Center.

Intramural Golf

UTM Campus Recreation will be offering Intramural Golf this semester. Deadline for entry is Sept. 20 at 3 p.m. The cost for participation in the two-man 9-hole best ball scramble is \$30 and will take place at the Wynridge Golf Club. Tee-off is at 3:30 p.m. Play begins Sept. 20. For more information, call 881-7745.

Lunch & Learn

Counseling Services are sponsoring Wednesday Forums: Lunch & Learn this year. Their first meeting, "Party Hearty Like a Smarty," will be at 12:15 p.m. on Sept. 20 in UC 125.

Soybean Festival brings interesting events for people of all ages

Bessie Cherry
Staff Writer

The 13th Annual Tennessee Soybean Festival will be bigger and better than ever, according to Martin City Mayor Randy Brundige and Martin City Community Development Director Karami Hagan. "I urge UTM to come on out and enjoy the festival," said Mayor Brundige. "We'll have the very best variety of live music from country to rock and contemporary to religious. It's sure to appeal to every sector."

Hagan says that the carnival will also be bigger than ever, having twice as many rides than in years past, and also including the largest inflatable slide, which will be four stories high. "We've got to find somewhere to put all these rides! I'm not sure Martin is big enough for this year's festival," says Hagan.

Martin locals are also encouraged to attend the Soybean Festival Parade, which will start at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 5. Local school marching bands and businesses will participate in the parade.

Coinciding with the pa-

rade, an art exhibit will be held by the Visual Arts Society at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday in the Weldon Library on Main St. Artists including craftsmen, potters and painters from everywhere are expected to attend.

On Wednesday, September 6 at 6:45 a.m., the First United Methodist Church will host the Soybean Festival Prayer Breakfast in which the public is invited for a free breakfast. Also on Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., a demonstration will be held by the Weakley County Election Commission on how to use the new Tennessee election machines.

WPSD-TV News Channel 6, out of Paducah, will host a live antique show called "What's it Worth?" The show is similar to the Antiques Roadshow and locals will be able to get free appraisals on their antiques and collectibles.

Registration begins at 10 a.m. on Wednesday and appraisals begin at 11 a.m. and will be featured live on the air.

On Thursday, September 7, the Street Fair and Carnival will kick off and last through Saturday, September 8. Vendors from all

over the United States will begin setting up booths at 1 p.m. along Lindell St. in downtown Martin.

The 13th Annual Chick-en Crazy, Hog Wild Barbecue Cookoff, sponsored by Tyson Foods, will be held in Weldon Park at 6 p.m. on Friday. Everyone can enjoy free barbecued chicken while supplies last.

In addition to the events listed above, there will be a car show, a quilt show, a pet show, a golf tournament, patriotic meetings, games, motorcycling, fundraisers, health fairs, and even more music, including religious bands, funk bands, bluegrass bands and Beatles impersonators to entertain the expected 50,000 people in attendance.

"We expect the 13th Annual Tennessee Soybean Festival to be a huge success for the city of Martin and all of Northwest Tennessee," said Hagan.

"The festival will not only be economically beneficial to the city and local businesses, but will also provide the region with insight into what the city of Martin has to offer," said Hagan.



HEATHER ROLAND/The Pacer

The 13th Annual Soybean Festival is anticipated to be a huge success, as it brings a variety of interesting events to the table, including the Soybean Prayer Breakfast and annual parade.

Police Report

The information contained in this report is taken directly from public records distributed by the UTM Department of Public Safety. DPS can be contacted by calling (731) 881-7777.

6:09 a.m., August 21
Library

Report of a fire alarm sounding. Officer and fire department responded. Determined to be caused by a faculty sensor. System was reset.

5:00 a.m., August 22
University Village

Report of damage to university property. Report on file.

11:58 a.m., August 24
Student Life

Subject reported theft of their bicycle. Investigation continues.

9:20 p.m., August 24
Hurt Street

Mr. Daniel L. Farmer was issued a citation for stop sign violation (City Court).

8:40 p.m., August 24
Hurt Street

Mr. Dustin K. Parker was issued a citation for stop sign violation (City Court).

1:19 p.m., August 26
Clement

Subject reported theft of their bicycle. Investigation continues.

11:48 p.m., August 26
Moody Street

Ms. Mary B. Kendall was issued a citation for stop sign violation.

9:58 a.m., August 28
University Street

Subject reported damage to their vehicle. Investigation continues.

Soybean Festival Main Events

Tuesday

- Mayor's Kickoff Luncheon. 11:30 a.m., UC Duncan Ballroom
- Soybean Festival Parade. 6:30 p.m., University Street.
- Radio Daze Big Band Concert. Immediately following the parade, Downtown Stage

Wednesday

- Soybean Festival Prayer Breakfast. 6:45 a.m., First United Methodist Church
- Salute to Veterans. 2 p.m., Weldon Park
- The Peacemakers Concert & The Cobb Family. 5:30 p.m., Downtown Stage

Thursday

- Soybean Festival Farmers' Breakfast. 6:30 a.m., Vincent Implements
- Spin Doctors. 9:30 p.m., Downtown Stage

Friday

- 13th Annual Chicken Crazy, Hog Wild, Barbecue Cookoff. 6 p.m., Weldon Park
- The Return: Bringing You the Best of the Beatles. 7 p.m., Downtown
- 38 Special. 9:30 p.m., Downtown Stage

Saturday

- Soybean Festival 5K Road Race/1 Mile Fun Walk. 8 a.m., Martin Recreation Com-

plex (softball parking lot)

- Soybean Festival 10th Annual National Car & Truck Show. Martin Recreation Complex
- Community Health Fair. 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., C.E. Weldon Library
- Art Show. 10 a.m. until 7 p.m., Downtown
- Barbecue Cookoff Award Presentation. 12:30 p.m. Weldon Park Stage
- Funk de Ville. 7 p.m., Downtown Stage
- Diamond Rio. 9 p.m., Downtown Stage

Sunday

- Bicycle Rodeo. Registration at 1:30 p.m. Events at 2 p.m., Martin Recreation Complex

Program promotes alcohol awareness

Sara McIntosh
Asst. Section Editor

With an apparent need to educate all incoming freshmen on dangers to avoid while attending their first year in college, Alicia Maya represented the new organization on campus called Bacchus and Gamma as she addressed these students on the importance of making "low-risk" choices as well as the potential problems or risk factors associated with alcohol abuse.

The Bacchus and Gamma Network deals with any issue involving "alcohol, tobacco and illegal drugs, as well as unhealthy sexual practices and other high-risk behaviors," according to the organization's mission statement. Beyond the mythological association with the Greek Goddess of Wine sharing the Bacchus name, the acronyms for the organization are as follows: Boosting Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students and Greeks Advocating Mature Management of Alcohol.

Maya said that the main goal for the organization right now is to get the word out to students before Christmas and to have students attending meetings. Bacchus and Gamma will hold its first peer education training in late January or early February for the students who have opted to join this organization. Once this training is complete, students will be speaking in meetings to various organizations on campus, promoting better choices to students on this

campus as well as educating the future freshmen by speaking to high school seniors in order to prevent alcohol abuse before it starts.

"They can speak to high school students in order to avoid the bombardment they will feel when they start their freshmen year. We need to get that good decision-making in place or plant the seed before they get here because once they do, they make good choices," said Maya.

This new program can help make a difference not only in the lives of students that are already here at UTM, but also those who have aspirations of being students at UTM or any other college.

One of the programs this organization will be involved with this year will be Red Ribbon Week, which is the most far-reaching and well-known drug prevention event in America with an estimated 80 million Americans participating in the events of this week, according to the DEA.

"The Weakley County School System is observing Red Ribbon Week from October 23 through October 27. UTM decided to be a part of this program with our focus gearing towards alcohol poisoning, which can happen from binge drinking," said Maya. Binge drinking is the No. 1 alcohol-related problem on college campuses today with nearly half of college students being considered "binge drinkers," according to a Bacchus and Gamma Fact Sheet.

Bacchus Gamma Meetings

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Dates: Second & fourth Tuesday of the month

Place: UC 229

For more information, visit the national website at www.bacchus-gamma.org

On a similar note, the Counseling Center's first Wednesday Forum is sharing a similar vision as the Bacchus and Gamma program. "Party Hearty Like A Smarty" is the title of the program with the hopes of informing students on how to have fun and stay safe in their extracurricular activities. Many of the skills discussed in this forum are shared with the Bacchus and Gamma organization. This forum will be held on September 20 at 12:15 p.m. sharp in room 125 in the UC, which is inside the cafeteria at the rear.

If anyone is interested in attending a Bacchus and Gamma meeting, the meetings are scheduled for the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in room 229 in the UC. The first meeting will be held on September 12. Everyone is invited to attend the meetings in an effort to help with any problems or decisions dealing with alcohol abuse. For more information about the program, visit the national website at www.bacchus-gamma.org.

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See September movies: they promise to be better than the last

Brad Hadley
Staff Writer

As the beginning of September crept closer and closer, so did the September movies of 2006. The movies this year are looking for a better turnout than the previous September. Last year's movies, such as *Transporter*, *The Exorcism of Emily Rose*, *Flight Plan* and *Into the Blue* were the hits of the month. However, with movies like *Crank* and *The Wicker Man* exploding on the big screen, it is hard to tell at this point which movies will become big hits this year. So many high-caliber movies are reaching the theaters — movies such as *The Covenant*, *Gridiron Gang*, and from the outlandish stunts of Johnny Knoxville and the Jackass crew comes *Jackass 2*, the sequel to 2000's *Jackass*.

This reporter set out to see which movies UTM students would like to see this month. About 30 UTM students were asked which movie they would like to see this September; 11 said *The Wicker Man*, seven said *Crank*, five said *Gridiron Gang*, four said *The Covenant* and two said *Jackass* 2.

When asked about *Crank* and *The Wicker Man*, Cheri Cox, a psychology major from Fairview, said, "If you like action, boobs and guns, then *Crank* is for you, but if you like cults, rituals and hate men, then *The Wicker Man* is the movie for you." When asked how well the movies did at the box office this weekend, Cox said that *Crank* and *The Wicker Man* both made even on income gross this weekend so far.

Some people can be harsh when describing a movie they have only seen once, and seeing *The Wicker Man* is no different; the *Chicago Tribune* described it as "A lousy thriller but a damn good accidental comedy" while *Reel.com* said it "has the subtlety of a sledgehammer." Unfortunately, it looks like the critics did not like this movie. Maybe that is

why it was given an F from Ebert and Roeper on *moviestogo.com*. On the other hand, *Crank* was given a B- from the same people who gave *The Wicker Man* an F. *Crank* was described as "...Speed with a heart" by *Filmfocus.com* while *empireonline.com* said it was "edgy and outrageous." So find out for yourself just how good these movies are and take a trip to the theatre this weekend.

Weekend Box Office Results

1. <i>Invincible</i>	\$15,206,000
2. <i>Crank</i>	\$13,000,000
3. <i>The Wicker Man</i>	\$11,720,000
4. <i>Little Miss Sunshine</i>	\$9,725,000
5. <i>The Illusionist</i>	\$8,021,000
6. <i>Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby</i>	\$7,700,000
7. <i>Barnyard: The Original Party Animals</i>	\$6,404,000
8. <i>Accepted</i>	\$5,912,000
9. <i>World Trade Center</i>	\$5,816,000
10. <i>Step Up</i>	\$5,487,000

Source: *movies.yahoo.com*

Who to see in September

Crossfade, Dropping Daylight, Mercy Fall and Thousand Foot Krutch	September 8 City Hall Nashville
Nickelback, Hinder, Chevelle, Hoobastank	September 9 G.E.C. Nashville
The Muse, The Like	September 13 War Memorial Nashville
Justin Timberlake on Good Morning America	September 15 Beale Street Memphis
Wolfmother	September 20 Exit/In Nashville
150th Mid-South Fair grounds	September 22 Mid-South Fair- grounds Memphis
Othello	September 22 Theatre Memphis Memphis
Southern Comfort	September 28 Harris Concert Hall

Have you ever wondered why men fall asleep after sex?

Doctors explore this and other burning questions in a new book

Sara McIntosh
Asst. Sections Editor

Sometimes in life there are questions that are not meant to go unanswered. The ridiculous, mundane and socially unacceptable questions that are desperately clinging in the minds of many people worldwide are the source for the entertaining examination that is *Why do Men Fall Asleep After Sex?*, written by Mark Leyner and Billy Goldberg, M.D. Keep in mind that these authors are not rookies with these types of questions because this book is the sequel to their first novel entitled *Why do Men have Nipples?*, which was a #1 New York Times Bestseller.

In order to understand the concept or premise of the novel, you first need to examine, explore and reawaken yourself to those weird questions you spend time wondering about whenever you may have free time in the busy arena that is your life. If this is not an option for you, then just think about the questions that your psychiatrist, mom or best friend has told you were unusual, odd or disturbing and you will enjoy finding out the answers while reading this book.

Don't let the M.D. fool you because these authors explore questions like "why don't vultures get sick from eating rotten meat," which could be a mind boggler if you ever really stopped to think about it, in a manner that is consistent with the overall tone of the novel: informatively humorous explanations of the overlooked and underappreciated sides to life.

However, medical terminology is used but only whenever necessary to diagnose significant medical issues, like the white blood cells called neutrophils that are responsible for turning your snot green, according to Goldberg. I suppose leaving it at white blood cells would have been too general for that specific instance and is essential to understanding the essence



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of that green color that makes snot recognizable.

One word of advice: don't read this novel after eating a heavy meal or on an empty stomach. The most obvious reason is because you will be laughing so hard at the insanity behind the questions that came from real people as well as the authors' answers. This laughter could be disastrous if you have a full stomach, especially if there was a glass of milk accompanying that meal or you might starve yourself into a swoon due to not being able to put the book down. Either way, find a happy medium early in the novel because the questions go down hill pretty fast and gain speed towards a fun-

filled read.

I would recommend this book to anyone looking for a way out of using the analytical or critical side to your brain. Not only will you relish in the knowledge you acquire from this book, which includes the topic of that dangling thing in the back of your throat as an essential part to the human anatomy, but it is a much needed break from the seriousness that comes from a collegiate lifestyle. Have fun turning your brain off but keep in mind that you will be learning things that you never learned before or often wondered about but were too afraid to ask.

Book title: *Why Do Men Fall Asleep After Sex?*

Book Subtitle: "More Questions You'd Only Ask a Doctor After Your Third Whisky Sour"

Book Authors: Mark Leyner and Billy Goldberg, M.D.

Other burning questions:

- Why don't women have Adam's apples?
- Do dogs have belly buttons?
- What purpose do freckles serve?
- If I hold in pee on a long car trip, will my bladder explode?
- If I hold in a burp or a belch will I blow my torso off?

'Deal or No Deal,' UTM style

Jason Bohanan
Staff Writer

Both emotions and audience members were wild Wednesday night as SAC presented its version of NBC's popular "Deal or No Deal" game show in Watkins Auditorium.

Students had a chance to win cash prizes ranging from 1 cent to \$300 at the event, which was hosted by Justin Chandler, a sophomore marketing major from Camden.

The game stuck as close to the original rules as possible, although actual briefcases were replaced by software designed by UTM computer store Senior Buyer's Assistant Corey Jones.

"Deal or No Deal" tests a player's ability to guess which briefcase has the most cash value while eliminating the others. After each round of eliminations the player has the option of selling their briefcase to the banker or continuing to play.

Four students were randomly picked, with Britni Bryant, a junior education major from New Johnsonville, Tenn., being the first to play. After declining the banker's initial offers and eliminating the top prize, Bryant accepted the third offer of \$50.

"It was exciting being up there. I got some extra cash," Bryant said.

Shardriya Pounds, a sophomore civil engineering major from Memphis, followed by eliminating several big money briefcases early on. After declining six offers from the banker, including one for \$50, Pounds won \$25 with her



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Justin Chandler hosts "Deal or No Deal," which was sponsored by the SAC.

original briefcase.

Audience enthusiasm peaked during Tre'velle Kamara's turn. Kamara began by eliminating several low money briefcases and declining two \$50 offers,

which, at that point, was the most generous of the night.

After another elimination, Kamara's pass on a \$100 offer sent the crowd into a frenzy, with several students standing and jumping in anticipation. Kamara then eliminated

two big money briefcases before agreeing to a \$125 deal, only to find out moments later he would have selected the \$300 briefcase if he had continued to play.

Tony Liberty, the final player, eliminated five of the top six big money briefcases in his first six guesses.

Liberty, a junior English education major from Millington, saw his fortunes grow worse as he was given six low offers, including one for 75 cents.

Liberty declined the offers and eventually won \$3 and a can of soda as a consolation prize.

SAC members Amber Niblock, a junior public relations major from Nashville, and Courtney Bracken, a sophomore pre-vet major from Camden, gave out door prizes such as beverages, T-shirts and jump drives.

"It went over really well. It kept me interested all the way through," said Chad Waters, a junior chemistry major from Camden.

"I think the big thing is, and this is why SAC is so excited, is because we did everything to make it work," Chandler said.

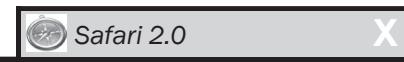
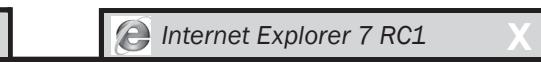


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Students enjoy watching the contestants of "Deal or No Deal."

Browser Wars: To Tab or Not to Tab ...

Style Usability Functionality Cost Security Features Help



Internet Explorer 7 RC1

The Good:

With growing popularity Mozilla Firefox 1.5 has, as of late, become a leading browser choice. This browser's effectiveness has earned it awards such as the recent recipient of PC World's 100 Best Products of 2006. Taking into account that Mozilla has only been around for three years it has changed the world of web browsing in strides. Firefox has an intuitive interface including tabbed browsing to control your websites with ease. Also Firefox is customizable to let you control how it looks and runs. Worried about making the switch? Firefox allows you to switch from your current browser with no effort, and all of your previous information is saved. All that on and open source and RSS technology, no question this is one competitive browser.

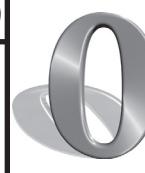
The Bad:

The pitfalls of Firefox are slim yet they do exist. Some websites don't work with Firefox, for starters. Also, remember Firefox is new to the game and not even to its 2.0 version. So with more people latching on to Firefox more and more problems may arise that are unforeseen. Also, Firefox is capable of the same perks as Opera, but one must download extensions to get what one needs.



The Break Down				
	IE 7	O 9	FF 1.5	S 2.0
RSS	HHH	H	HHH	H
Tabs	HHH	H	H	HHH
Open-Source	HHH	H	H	HHH
Speed	HHH	H	HHH	H
Security	HHH	H	H	HHH

Legend: 1 - Best, 2 - Good, 3 - Okay, 4 - Not so Hot



Opera 9.0

The Good:

Light-years ahead of the competition, Opera's latest release and our top pick is intuitive, stylish, open source, fast, secure and used by less than two percent of internet users (according to <http://www.w3schools.com>). Aside from the aforementioned features, Opera 9.0 has great intuitive features like double-clicking a word to bring up an options box with dictionary and search options, an integrated download manager (with support for BitTorrent), direct access to Google's related pages features, password managing ... the list goes on. While Firefox is capable of all of these things, Opera comes integrated with them. We also found that Opera is noticeably faster at loading pages.

The Bad:

Some sites, insert frown, do not load in Opera, i.e. ebills. utm.edu, insert big frown ... Other than that, there really is nothing else wrong with Opera 9.0. Other than ebills, we say if a site doesn't load in Opera, it's not worth going to.



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Safari 2.0



The Good:

Lets face it, many of us are Mac users and browser options are limited, but (Hurray!) Safari 2.0 for OS X Tiger comes to the rescue. This browser is a sleek and advanced option beyond the standard Internet Explorer. Among its impressive features Safari offers the most current options for today's browsers. The new standards are all there including tabbed browsing and open source. Built in to Safari is new RSS technology which makes RSS easier and faster for those who are total news junkies. Also another neat little perk is the ability to archive web pages for later viewing offline. The real bread winner for Safari is its unbeatable speed. Safari beats out Internet Explorer, Netscape, and Firefox when speed of browsing is concerned. Also Safari is integrated into Macs to allow for further use with other OS X software.

The Bad:

Even with growing popularity Macs are still not the standard in computing. This causes Safari to be limited in many ways. First of all Safari cannot be used by PC users because it does not support Windows. Also some web sites have issues with Safari. However, most importantly the fact that Safari is not universal makes it hard to truly get behind.



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Jay Baker & Jon-Michael St. Amant

Open Source: changing the world and web

Jon-Michael St. Amant
Staff Writer

Let's face it, not everyone is a tech junkie at this stage in their life (I know that I am not) but the further one gets in their college career, the closer we get to the corporate realm, and it is important to note one of the most interesting tech issue revolutionizing our world, open source programming.

So what is this open source thing anyway? Well in layman terms open source is a way for multiple programmers to edit code for software in an effort to create effective and efficient programs which are (best of all) free. Still confused? Take Microsoft Office for example, which includes Word, Power Point and Excel. Only Microsoft has the rights to this software's codes, and only they can change it. However, the open source equivalent OpenOffice can be tweaked and upgraded by a wide range of programming experts, and offers the same service.

For you and I this means that purchasing Microsoft Office from the UT Martin bookstore is no longer an expense we must include along with books, tuition, fees, and other college needs.

Imagine for a moment a world in which the software you now buy can be obtained simply and easily off the internet for no cost at all. Best of all is that open source is relatively secure.

Top 15 Open Source Downloads

- Open Office – Word Processing
- Firefox – Web Browser
- Wikipedia – Search Engine
- LimeWire – P2P Downloading
- Gaim – Instant Messaging
- Thunderbird – Email
- BitTorrent – P2P Downloading
- Media Coder – DVD Ripping
- Freemind – Note Taking
- Filezilla – FTP
- Joice – Podcasting
- Audio City – Sound Recording
- RSSOwl – RSS Reader
- Zombies – Game
- Death Star Battles - Game

Many times most of the codes for a great deal of open source programs are closely guarded by knowledgeable professionals. The ramifications of this mean that some unknown person could not just swoop in and delete valuable bits of code and destroy an entire program in one fell click of a mouse. The cracks are minute, but code can slip though from time to time. So, for now, open source is not completely fallible.

Even better, many open source programs are invaluable to the needs of college students. For example, many students now use LimeWire, an open source program for their peer-to-peer downloading

needs. Also, Wikipedia, used by many as a research assistant, is another open source program. Therefore, many of the needs college students now have are currently met by open source programs.

Whether or not you use open source is up to you. However, it is certainly a force to be reckoned with. In the near future tech junkies and computer illiterates alike will be presented with more and more programs to meet their needs and ease their programming woes. So come one, come all to the new world presented at the end of our fingertips. Check out these programs online and see what open source can do for you.

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Volleyball team expects to improve in Draper's second season

Brad Hurt
Sports Editor

After enduring the growing pains associated with the first season under a new head coach, the members of the Skyhawk volleyball team are a year older and a year wiser.

Like last year, the team features only one senior, but unlike 2005, there is a full class of juniors with playing experience under second-year coach Amy Draper.

"I expect our experience to be a major factor in the way we play this year," Draper says.

Liber Tammy Konitzer is the only senior on the roster this year.

She will be aided by seven juniors, including Anna Gautreau, who missed the entire 2005 season due to injury.

"I think Anna will be a huge addition to our team with her energy and leadership as well as Taylor Noland who is a transfer from

Mississippi State. Both of them will see a lot of court time along with the returners. We have a really strong core group of players and together they are very dynamic and should work well together to surprise a few teams this year," Draper says.

Also returning for the Skyhawks is Albany, Calif., native Dimphy Sasse, who was a key component to the Skyhawk offense a year ago.

The team faces a schedule that is sure to provide several tests this season. The Skyhawks have already gotten off to a positive start by winning two out of three matches in the UNC Wilmington tournament and one of three in the Troy State Tournament.

In Wilmington, UTM opened with a 3-1 loss to UNC Greensboro before sweeping both the host school and Winston Salem State by 3-0 scores. They then posted a third sweep against South Carolina

State.

Junior Kathryn Sprague led the team with nine kills against South Carolina State while sophomore Sarah Jett and Noland each had six kills.

Against Winston-Salem State, Sprague led the team with 13 kills while Noland added 11.

Defensively, Konitzer and Sasse each collected four digs.

In the loss to UNCG, Sprague had 13 kills and Jett had 12 kills.

Gautreau picked up 15 digs on defense while Konitzer added 11.

In Troy, the ladies dropped matches to Memphis and the host school before finishing with a 3-0 win over Alcorn State.

The schedule also features tournaments in Indianapolis, where the Skyhawks will face Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis and Green Bay University; and Spartanburg, S.C., where they will face off against Campbell,

Elon and host Wofford.

"I think our schedule will give us the preparation needed to compete in the conference and also give us ample time to let some new players step in and learn our systems," Draper says.

The early results support Coach Draper's assessment of her team's improvement over last year.

"My early impression is that we are making ground much faster than last year and that is due to having so many returners and the new players are very skilled and experienced at playing at a high level so that will help their adjustment much faster," she says.

Much of the blame for last season's dismal 5-29 finish that included a 3-13 conference record went to the squad's youth and lack of experience. With a year of development in a new system under their belts, this year's squad should produce much better results.

The roster features three new faces this year, includ-

ing two freshmen. Lauren Montague is a freshman outside hitter from Normal, Ill. Tabbi Runyon-Davis of Clarksville joins her as a first-year player. Also beginning her first year on the squad is sophomore outside hitter Taylor Noland of Duluth, Ga.

The Skyhawks will open their home schedule when they host the University of the South at 6 p.m. on Wednesday at Skyhawk Fieldhouse.

The University of the South is an NCAA Division III school located in Sevanee, Tenn.

The Tigers are members of the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference.

Also visiting Martin in non-conference action this season will be Trevecca on Sept. 12.

The Skyhawks will also host eight Ohio Valley Conference matches this season, beginning on Friday, Oct. 6, when Eastern Kentucky comes to town.

That match will be-

gin a season-long five-match homestand for the Skyhawks, who will also face Morehead State, Eastern Illinois, SEMO and Murray State during that stretch.

The Skyhawks' remaining three home matches will be against OVC foes Jacksonville State, Samford and Tennessee State near the end of the season.

The Skyhawks face two separate four-game road swings during the season.

The first runs from Sept. 22-30. That stretch will include trips to SEMO, Eastern Illinois, Tennessee State and Austin Peay.

The Skyhawks' other extended period away from the fieldhouse will be Oct. 20-28. During that period, the team will face Tennessee Tech, Morehead State, Eastern Kentucky and non-conference foe Lipscomb.

Sept. 30 • 2:00 p.m.
Clarksville

For the first time in 20 seasons, the Lady Govs have been projected to miss the Ohio Valley Conference tournament. Eight letterwinners return for head coach Corey Carlin, led by seniors Ashley Genslak and Laura Wussow.

- Location: Clarksville
- Stadium: Dunn Center
- Mascot: Lady Govs
- Colors: Red & White
- Coach: Corey Carlin

Sept. 29 • 7:00 p.m. • Nashville
Nov. 10 • 7:00 p.m. • Martin

The Lady Tigers are picked to finish second in the conference after sharing the regular-season title with Eastern Kentucky in 2005. Senior middle hitter Kelley Smith finished third in the OVC with a .317 hitting percentage last season.

- 2005 Overall Record: 22-11
- 2005 OVC Record: 14-2
- Finished T-1st in OVC



- Location: Morehead, Ky.
- Stadium: Wetherby Gymnasium
- Mascot: Lady Eagles
- Colors: Blue and Grey

Oct. 7 • 2:00 p.m. • Martin
Oct. 27 • 6:00 p.m. • Morehead

After injuries resulted in a disastrous 6-26 finish in 2005, the Eagles are back at full strength for the upcoming season. Reigning OVC Freshman of the Year sophomore Ashley Doscher and senior Laura Cox give the Eagles a potent outside hitting game.



- Location: Charleston, Ill.
- Stadium: Lantz Arena
- Mascot: Panthers
- Colors: Blue and Grey
- Coach: Lori Bennett

Sept. 23 • 2:00 p.m. • Charleston
Oct. 13 • 7:00 p.m. • Martin

Junior setter Maren Crabtree and senior outside hitter Kara Sorenson are the only returning Panthers to play in every game of every match last season.



- Location: Cape Girardeau, Mo.
- Stadium: Houck Fieldhouse
- Mascot: Redhawks

Sept. 22 • 7:00 p.m. • Cape Girardeau
Oct. 14 • 2:00 p.m. • Martin

Head coach Renata Nowacki enters her second season at the helm of the Redhawks after leading the team to its best finish since 2001 in her debut season. First Team All-OVC outside hitter Jessica Kooper returns as one of the conference's best overall players after recording 21 double-doubles in 2005.

- Colors: Red and Black
- Coach: Renata Nowacki
- 2005 Overall Record: 16-16
- 2005 OVC Record: 11-5
- Finished 5th in OVC

Oct. 20 • 7:00 p.m.
Cookeville

The Golden Eagles return nine letterwinners and five starters as they prepare to face one of the toughest schedules in school history. They will face four teams that have been ranked in the AVCA Top 25.

- 2005 Overall Record: 7-22
- 2005 OVC Record: 3-13
- Finished 5th in OVC

Nov. 3 • 7:00 p.m.
Martin

Reigning OVC Player of the Year Abbey Breit is one of seven returning players for the Gamecocks, who earned the school's first-ever trip to the NCAA Tournament in 2005.

- Colors: Red & Black
- Coach: Rick Nold
- 2005 Overall Record: 19-11
- 2005 OVC Record: 13-3
- Finished 3rd in OVC



- Location: Richmond, Ky.
- Stadium: McBrayer Arena
- Mascot: Lady Colonels
- Colors: Maroon & White

Nov. 11 • noon
Martin

The Colonels return all but two starters from a 2005 team that finished 23-7 and appeared in the OVC championship game.

Nov. 4 • 2:00 p.m.
Martin

Outside hitter Sara Sears was named to the Preseason All-OVC Second Team after a record-setting freshman season. She led the Bulldogs in several offensive categories and also set a new single-season school record with 1,199 attempts.

- Coach: Michelle Durban
- 2005 Overall Record: 9-21
- 2005 OVC Record: 5-11
- Finished T-7th in OVC



- Location: Birmingham, Ala.
- Stadium: Seibert Hall
- Mascot: Lady Bulldogs
- Colors: Red & Blue

Nov. 17 • 7:00 p.m.
Martin

Nine players return from the Racers' 2005 squad that finished 7-16, including five of its six starters. Libero Heather Norris returns after ranking 17th in the nation with 5.64 digs per game as a freshman.

- 2005 Overall Record: 7-16
- 2005 OVC Record: 5-11
- Finished T-7th in OVC

Bobcats spoil Simpson debut 29-3

Brad Hurt
Sports Editor

The intensity was there, the effort was there, but in the end the Skyhawk football team found itself on the short end of a 29-3 score in the debut of head coach Jason Simpson.

Despite total stats that nearly reflected those of Ohio, the Skyhawks found themselves in an early hole and were never able to threaten the Bobcats.

Neither offense made much of a showing on a day when the defenses dominated the statistics. Don Chapman picked up only 56 yards on 23 carries as the Bobcat defenders made him their primary focus. By shutting him down, the home team forced the Skyhawks' inexperienced quarterbacks into the spotlight.

"Honestly, Don is our most productive player on offense, and we want to keep feeding him the ball. I just feel very unfortunate for him that there weren't enough holes there, which is something we have to work on because he's a physical back," Simpson said.

Freshman quarterback Dexter Anoka made an impressive first start, completing 11-of-18 pass attempts for a total of 72 yards. His biggest play was a 34-yard completion to Jamaal Akbar in the second quarter.

"Dexter did some good things. There are some things we have to clean up but he gives you an excellent dimension with his athletic ability. We'll keep working with him and we'll be better Thursday," Simpson said.

The Skyhawks opened the game by going three-and-out and gaining only two yards on a Don Chapman run.

The Skyhawks controlled the time of possession by a slim margin, holding the ball for 22:59 compare to the Bobcats' 22:01.

Field position hurt the Skyhawks, whose best starting position came in the second quarter when they began a drive on the Ohio 32-yard line following a Dante Harrod interception.

As a result of the two teams' offensive struggles, both punters got plenty of work. Skyhawk Adam Ivey punted four times for an average of 35 yards, including a long of 44 yards. Ohio's Matt Lasher pinned the Skyhawks deep in their own territory on

several occasions, averaging 42.4 yards on five punts, including three inside the 20 yard line. The Skyhawks failed to return any of Lasher's punts, furthering their field position woes.

Bad field position combined with a stiff Ohio defense nearly shut out the Skyhawks. Taylor Brown put the Skyhawks on the scoreboard with an 18-yard field goal with 5:29 remaining in the third quarter.

Penalties also crippled the Skyhawks' chances to drive the ball down the field. Simpson's team committed 11 penalties for 85 yards.

"The penalties are to be expected, but they're very silly. One of them actually, as coaches we have to take the blame for them, but we have to get that corrected," Simpson said.

The Skyhawks were whistled for having too many players on the field in the first quarter one play after a two-yard gain by Jaymond Perry was erased by an illegal block penalty.

The bright spot for the Skyhawks was the defense, which limited the Ohio offense to 72 total yards.

"It's no secret we are very proud of our defense. I thought they played very hard and very physical," Simpson said.

"We didn't help them out offensively or on special teams but all in all I am very pleased with their effort," he continued.

Ohio starting quarterback Austen Everison completed only six of his 14 pass attempts for 30 yards.

The Bobcats' special teams play made a difference in the game as they took advantage of a 46-yard second-quarter kickoff return by Joshua Abrams and a kickoff out-of-bounds to set up drives in good field position.

The Skyhawk offense compiled 120 total yards, including 74 through the air, but could not sustain a drive long enough to give themselves a legitimate scoring opportunity.

The Skyhawks will begin a three-game homestand on Thursday when they return to Graham Stadium to take on NAIA member Urbana University beginning at 6 p.m.. That game will be followed by home games against Gardner-Webb and Ohio Valley Conference foe Jacksonville State.

Ogg: Continued from Cover

he wants to tweak, such as expanding the freshman book loan program.

"The answer is not what the student wants. Every student wants an A in every class and that's not going to happen. But if the student can feel good about how they were treated, that's a

success," Ogg said.

When the search for someone to fill the VCSA position permanently resumes in the spring, Ogg could apply, but says he has no desire to do so.

"The chancellor made it clear that I was welcome to apply for the position," Ogg

said, adding that there was no pressure for him to apply.

"It's a good experience and I've already learned a lot," Ogg said. "I will retire from this university as a communications professor, regardless of what happens in between."

SI: Continued from Cover

be significantly reduced this year, Daniel said.

Daniel did not know the reason for the cut, but he suspected there was an increase in other areas in the state budget, which caused the diversion of funds normally given to UTM to fund SI.

Although UTM was able to save SI for entry-level math and science courses, other departments that relied on SI's in the past are looking for other ways to serve students needing extra help.

"[The cut] is definitely detrimental to students who need extra help," said Dan Nappo, interim chair of the UTM Department of Modern Foreign Languages. "We've hired more tutors to help in the language labs, but we have to pay them from our operating budget. We're not going to have as many tutors as we had last year," Eslinger said.

Still, Nappo said professors will still keep office hours to help students, and the language lab is yet another resource for students needing extra help.

Last year, Modern Foreign Language used about 10 SI's to help out in entry-level courses in Spanish, French, Japanese and German.

"We've had a lot of students come back wanting to know how to become an SI, and I have to tell them, 'I'm sorry, it's been cut,'" Nappo said.

Junior English major Jae Eslinger is one such student.

Eslinger came to campus intending to work as an SI in freshman English composition courses, other departments that relied on SI's in the past are looking for other ways to serve students needing extra help.

"When I got back on campus, I was looking for a job, and they said I couldn't work in the English departmental office, but [English Department Chair] Lynn Alexander said there might be some SI openings, then she told me that was cut," Eslinger said.

Now, Eslinger is trying to find a job elsewhere, but she still believes in the value of supplemental instruction.

"A lot of kids come to college and have not been required to write a lot of essays," she said. "They struggle, even with the help of their SI."

Alexander said despite the cut, students can still benefit from the Writing Center.

"[SI] was just another avenue and another assistance for students, and I think

it's a shame English can't be included, especially for composition classes, since writing is such an important part of the college curriculum," Alexander said.

Still, she said she understood why SI's for math and science were chosen to be saved, considering their difficulty.

Meanwhile, this year marks the inauguration of the University of Tennessee-Knoxville's SI program, which is a pilot initiative with their Student Success Center and Math Department.

The SI program at UTK is not funded through grants, but is locally funded and will offer SI in two introductory math courses.

Tammy Kahrig, associate director for UTK's Student Success Center, said she is confident the SI program will work.

"Hopefully, as time goes along, we will be able to expand the program to include other courses," Kahrig said.

The SI concept was developed in 1973 by Deanna C. Martin at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. SI is being used in some capacity in about one-third of U.S. colleges.

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